

**HERSETH SANDLIN STATEMENT ON ELLSWORTH ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Washington, DC (April 23, 2010)**-Today, Rep. Herseth Sandlin issued the following statement in response to the announcement by the Air Force that Ellsworth Air Force Base is one of four finalists for a new Remotely Piloted Vehicle (RPV) mission:

"I am pleased that the Air Force continues to recognize Ellsworth Air Force Base as an integral part of our national security. Remotely piloted vehicles are and will continue to be a crucial part of our nation's arsenal. I look forward to working with Air Force officials to ensure they have all the information they need about Ellsworth to make the best possible decision for our country and our men and women in uniform."

Other finalists for the mission are Langley Air Force Base, Virginia; Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho; and Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri.

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